Ports-hinterland connectivity

2671. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to create better connectivity between ports and hinterlands to enhance the capacity of ports;

(b) if so, what would be the total enhanced capacity of major and minor ports by the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(c) to achieve the said capacities how much investment has to be made and how would these be financed;

(d) the names of all major/minor prots that would be covered under the envisages planning; and

(e) the highways in kms. that would be built as part of the connecting projects?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) According to the projections made by the Working Group on Ports for Eleventh Plan, the 12 major ports of Kolkata, Paradip, Visakhapatnam, Ennore, Chennai, Tuticorin, Cochin, New Mangalore, Mormugao, Mumbai, Jawaharlal Nehru Port and Kandla should achieve an annual capacity of 1001.80 MT by the end of Eleventh Plan period with an investment of Rs. 55,401.56 crores including private sector investment of Rs. 36,868.24 crores.

Responsibility for development of non-major ports, vests with the State Government concerned.

Our aim is to achieve 1.5 billion tonnes annual capacity in both major and non-major ports at the end of the Eleventh Plan.

(e) Projects for augmentation of National Highways providing connectivity to ports, aggregating 851.78 kms. are under various stages of implementation by the National Highways Authority of India.

Construction of NH-24

2672. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had started construction work of the NH-24 (Delhi-Meerut-Kotdwar);

(b) the progress for the last three years and the work completed upto Satpuli Distt. of Pauri Garhwal;

(c) whether the present Government have plan to complete the highway upto Pauri during this year; and

(d) if so, by when construction work would be started and the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (d) Delhi-Meerut-Kotdwar is connected by NH-24(Delhi to Delhi-Uttar Pradesh Border), NH-58(Delhi-Uttar Pradesh Border to Meerut) and NH-119 (Meerut to Kotdwar). NH-119 further extends upto Srinagar *via* Satpuli and Pauri. Delhi-Meerut section of NH-58 is already 4 lane. Meerut bypass on NH-58 has been awarded for 4 laning as a part of Meerut-Muzaffarnagar section under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-IIIA. Fourt laning of NH-119 which starts from Meerut bypass and extends to Srinagar *via* Pauri is not envisaged. This NH is not part of NHDP.

The details of non NHDP works carried out/in progress on these sections of NH-24, NH-58 and NH-119 upto Satpuli during last three years are given in Statement.

Statement

Details of Non-NHDP works carried out/In Progress

Sl. No	NH No.	Name of work	Sanctioned Cost (Rs.in lakhs)	Status
1	24	Widening from Km.3.4 to Km. 5.7 of NH-24	1753.07	Work in progress
2	58	Improvement of Riding Quality in Km. 47 and 48 on NH-58	119.20	Completed
3	58	Improvement of Riding Quality in km. 33.00 to km 37.00 of NH-58	275.37	Completed
4	119	Improvement of Riding Quality in km. 0.00 to 7.75 (including widening in km. 7.400 to to 7.75 (including widening in km. 7.400 to km. 7.805) of NH-119	336.64	Work in progress
5	119	Widening & strengthening of road from km. 193 to 202 of NH-119.	1069.60	Recently sanctioned
6	119	Widening to intermediate lane from Km. 134.60 to 192.0 (under Inter State Connectivity Scheme).	1719.23	Completed